

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance in view of the following remarks. Claims 1-5, 8-15, 17, 20-26, 29-38 and 41-47 are pending in the application. Claims 1-5, 8-15, 17, 20-26, 29-38 and 41-43 are allowed; Claims 43-47 were withdrawn from consideration.

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that the traversal of non-elected claims 44-47 was not persuasive. In response, Applicant hereby withdraws the traversal with respect to non-elected claims 44-47 and authorizes the cancellation of claims 44-47 to allow the application to issue.

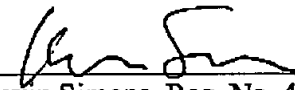
In view of the foregoing amendments, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-5, 8-15, 17, 20-26, 29-38 and 41-43 are in condition for allowance. Applicant, accordingly, respectfully requests that a notice of allowance be issued with respect to claims 1-5, 8-15, 17, 20-26, 29-38 and 41-43.

Please charge any fees which may be required, except the issue fee, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 14-1270.

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Respectfully submitted,

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